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BILL STIVERS, 1918-2004

*Teacher, Preacher, Elder, Mentor,
Builder of Bridges to Latin America*

*Frances and Bill Stivers
in front of our first home*

Forum Draws 130 Leaders From Many SoCal Churches

On January 21-22, the first-ever Church Leaders Forum, sponsored by Pepperdine's Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, drew over 130 participants from 36 congregations. They came from as far south as San Diego and as far north as Porterville and Visalia, not to just listen, but to talk. While participants enjoyed presentations and lectures by President Andrew K. Benton, deans Ken Starr and Margaret Weber, and religion professor, Tim Willis, it was the dialogue sessions between participants that made the weekend special.



"The Church Leaders Forum was created as an occasion when leaders from the Churches of Christ can discuss both the challenges and opportunities facing God's Kingdom in this region," said Straus Director Randy Lowry, pictured with a panel of discussion leaders before the final plenary session. Larry Sullivan, the program's director, was enthused about the good attendance and the participation from so many congregations.

The second Church Leaders Forum is projected for September 16-17, 2005.

ZOE West Coast Conference Comes to Fresno

More than 500 Christians attended the third annual ZOE West Coast Conference hosted by the College Church of Christ in Fresno on January 21-23. Those in attendance enjoyed dynamic praise and worship sessions, and keynote lectures by Jeff Walling, Charlotte, North Carolina, and John O. York, Nashville, Tennessee. In addition, 30 classes were offered with topics including "Worshipping After the Tsunami: Basic Principles for Finding God in the Dark," "Designing a Creative Music Time With Kids," "A Dramatic Reader's Workshop," and "Technology in Worship," to name a few.

Conference attendees came from across the United States to soak up the rich weekend of praise and education. The ZOE West Coast Conference meets every year on the third weekend in January.

Cascade College Hosts Annual Expositor's Seminar and Northwest Church Planting Workshop

Cascade College in Portland, Oregon, hosted the annual Michael C. Armour Expositor's Seminar on January 24-26. The theme was "To This Purpose We Are Called." Glenn Pemberton, from OCU, analyzed Biblical stories of God's calling of individuals. Mark Love, from ACU, used texts in the gospel of Mark as a launching place to ask questions about calling, discipleship, and preaching. Stephen Johnson, from ACU, discussed the nature of prophesy in the New Testament and how it relates to modern preaching today.

Cascade will host the Northwest Church Planting Workshop on March 18-19. The theme is "New Churches in New Places for New People." Presenters include Sonny Guild, director of the Institute for Missions and Evangelism at Abilene Christian University, and Jimmy Adcox, preaching minister for the Southwest Church of Christ from Jonesboro, Arkansas. For more information, visit their website at: www.kairoschurchplanting.org.

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COVER

Dr. William N. (Bill) Stivers passed away in November 2004. He was a beloved professor at Pepperdine University for more than forty years.

IN MEMORIAM

The Life of Bill Stivers

by Agnes Gibson and Chris Stivers

William Stivers, (affectionately known to his family and friends as "Bill") was born on August 18, 1918, to Louis and Agnes Stivers in Amarillo, Texas. When Bill was two years old his parents moved to Bell, California, where Bill attended school through his high school graduation. Bill was the second of four boys.

His parents, realizing a need for Bill and his three brothers to attend a Christian College, moved to Los Angeles and built a house on 78th Street adjacent to the campus of George Pepperdine College. Bill was excited when he got one of his first jobs making ten cents an hour helping the construction company at Pepperdine as a "teenage helper" running errands and doing odd jobs for the other workers.

While attending a Spanish-speaking congregation in Los Angeles, Bill was encouraged by Hector Corrales to become involved in ministry to the Hispanic people in the area and in Mexico. The Stivers family grew close to Hector and he and Bill worked together on many ministry projects.

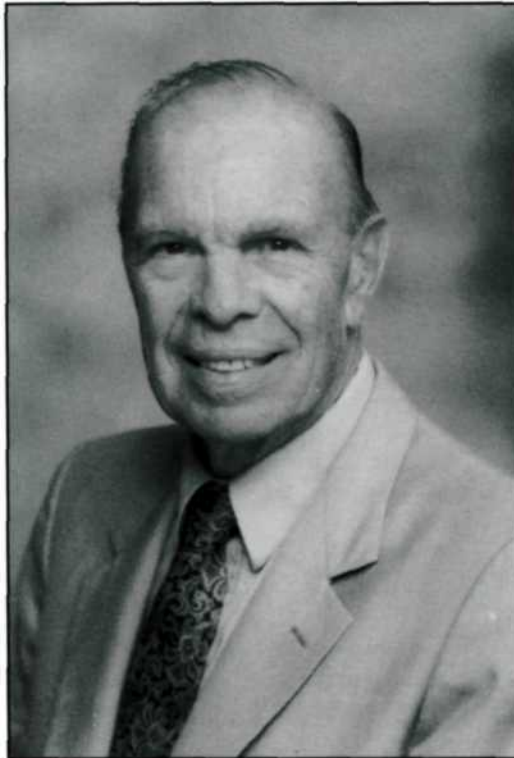
In 1941, Bill graduated from Pepperdine College with a B.A. degree in Foreign Languages. From 1941 to 1942 he did graduate study at the Universidad Nacional de Mexico in Mexico City.

Bill's education was interrupted when he entered the U.S. Army. As a conscientious objector, he first served in the Medical Corps and then in the Criminal Investigation Division from 1942 to 1946. Much of his service time was spent in China and India where he would "fly the hump" (over the Himalayan mountains) a number of times.

After his army duty, Bill became an instructor in Spanish at Pepperdine

from 1946 to 1952 during which time he met Frances Novak, a young woman visiting California one summer from Wichita, Kansas. In 1947, they were married.

During 1946 to 1948 Bill did graduate study and served as a teaching assistant at the University of Southern California. In 1948 he was awarded an M.A. degree in Spanish at USC and



commenced work on his Ph.D. degree, which he later completed at the Universidad Central de Quito, Ecuador.

From 1952 to 1962 he was chief deputy for Los Angeles County Supervisor Kenneth Hahn, his close friend for many years. From 1962 to 1972, Bill served as associate professor of Spanish and French and was chairman of the Foreign Languages department at Pepperdine College. From 1972 until his retirement he was a professor of Modern Languages at Pepperdine University at Malibu. He was awarded the Distinguished Alumnus Award in 1991.

Meanwhile, Bill and Frances made a home in their first little house in Los Angeles where their first child, Stephen, was born. Stephen was born with physical challenges, but was deeply loved by both Bill and Frances. Seven years later came second son Chris and then daughter Nina. The family loved pets of all sorts; even chickens. Bill had purchased two baby chicks that were "guaranteed" to be hens, but after a few months one began to crow.

Bill enjoyed his family, and he enjoyed celebrating with them. He was a fun-loving man, often being silly in his own way to the delight of others, at times even at serious occasions.

Bill was co-author of several Spanish textbooks and was sole author of two books for which he continues to receive royalties, "Bi-Lingual Leyendas Mexicanas" and "Bi-Lingual Leyendas de Espana." For many years he offered free Spanish classes to the Malibu community, of which he was a resident for over thirty years.

In 1963, Bill began mission work in San Felipe, Mexico by taking food and clothing, and also starting housing projects for the poor people there. Many homes have been built for the homeless and poor through the years. This good work continues to the present time. He also was greatly involved in Camp Stivers, a mission in San Felipe, Mexico, which was named for his dedication and benevolence for the Spanish speaking people of Mexico, the United States, and Central America.

Bill has served on the Board of Directors of the Baxter Institute in Tegucigalpa, Honduras. He also served on the boards of the Spastic Children's Foundation in Los Angeles and East Los Angeles Hospital.

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PEPPERDINE BIBLE LECTURES

The Great Mystery

by Bill Henegar

"Beyond all question, the mystery of godliness is great...." So begins the central text from 1 Timothy 3:16 that served as a polar star for this year's 61st Annual Pepperdine University Bible Lectures.

The Bible Lectures comprised four brilliant days in May, the 4th through the 7th...days of such beauty that even the conference itself seemed a thing of mystery. Indeed, an enormous amount of prayer, planning, and strategy went into the conference, beginning more than a year earlier. But once every theme lecture had been named and assigned, every class had been settled, every musical and drama group invited, every displayer accommodated, the Bible Lectures become an offering to God. It was in His hands from that moment on, to mold and use as He saw best. In our opinion, and in the opinion of thousands of others, God used the 61st Pepperdine Lectures to glorify His name and to unify and strengthen His people.

Even before the Bible Lectures began, the Lectures booklet was published, carrying a message from President Andrew K. Benton in which he said to the church: "We believe that the 'mystery of godliness,' which is the reigning and indwelling Christ Himself, calls to us at Pepperdine, and we shall do our best to answer the call. But infinitely more does the mystery speak to the church of our Lord Jesus Christ. Future generations will 'take hold of the life that is truly life' (6:19) if—and only if—this generation treasures and passes along our precious heritage of faith of which Paul writes."

As always, the Pepperdine Bible Lectures fixed attention on those attendees whom God called to participate in the current conference. But in addition, attention was trained

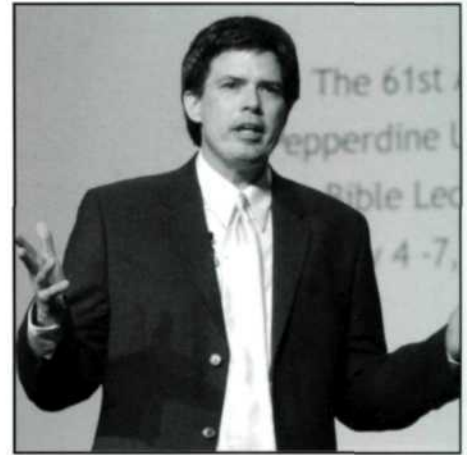
on those who will follow—one, two, three generations from now.

Several people who wrote letters or e-mails after the Lectures mentioned "the great feast at Pepperdine," as did the couple from Athens, Greece. They went on to say that the Bible Lectures were, for them, "a standard, an example for others to follow—a legend!" This was the hope of President Benton when he wrote in the Lectures booklet, "Likewise, I think that the grand feasts and festivals of Israel, sometimes solemn, sometimes joyful, are echoed in this yearly gathering on the campus of Pepperdine."

After the men's and women's dinners and the songfest on Tuesday evening, May 4, the spiritual feast was opened to all by Mark Love of Abilene, Texas. Mark spoke powerfully, affirming that "Christ Jesus Came into the World to Save Sinners." He was followed on Wednesday morning by Rubel Shelly from Nashville, Tennessee, who dealt with the topic, "That We May Live...In All Godliness."

Billy Wilson of Glasgow, Scotland, spoke directly to the theme on Wednesday evening, with the topic, "The Mystery of Godliness is Great." Following Billy, Shon Smith of Oklahoma City spoke on "Train Yourself to be Godly," on Thursday morning.

The timely topic, "Godliness with Contentment is Great Gain," was addressed by Don McLaughlin of Atlanta, Georgia, on Thursday night. Then the next day, on Friday morning, Kevin Withem of San Diego, California, spoke on "Fight the Good Fight of the Faith."

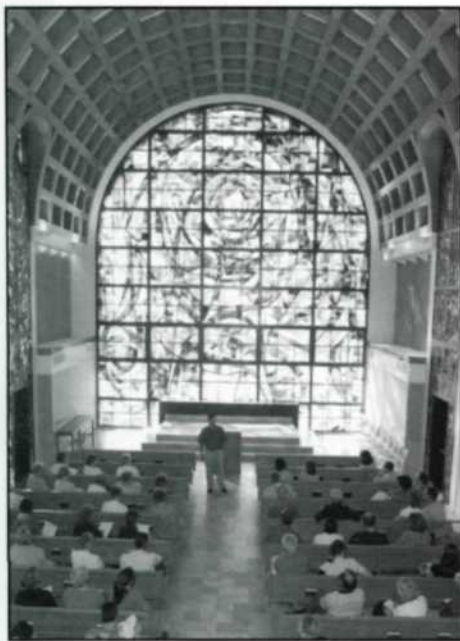


Mark Love was the keynote speaker for the opening night event, May 4, 2004.



Devoted Pepperdine students provided child care so that parents could attend lecture and class sessions.

The week came to an exhilarating crescendo on Friday evening when Rick Atchley of Fort Worth, Texas, addressed a crowd of more than 4,000 on the topic, "Take Hold of the Life that is Truly Life." The event concluded with the traditional holding of hands as the worshipers sang "The Lord Bless You and Keep You." In a final moment, which has also become a tradition, as everyone continued to hold hands, Dr. Tom Olbricht walked to the podium and closed the conference with prayer, asking God to bless each person and each church represented. It caused



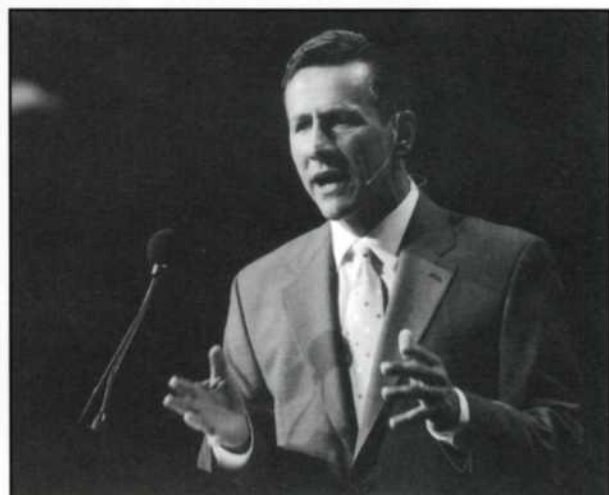
The newly refurbished Stauffer Chapel—the venue for several daily classes.



Firestone Fieldhouse boasted a new stage, banner, and screen design for the packed theme lectures.



Edwin White (left) and Steve Cable (right) welcomed visitors to the publishers' display area.



Rick Atchley admonished the final night crowd to "Take Hold of Life..."

someone from one of Pepperdine's sister Christian universities to write, "If Heaven is any better than that, I don't know if I will be able to take it in!"

The Bible Lectures were a blessing to all kinds of people and all kinds of congregations. From a new church in Arizona, only one year old, forty-six members made the journey to Malibu. The minister said, "As we attempt to discover who God wants [us] to be, it's important that our people get good information, and the lectures did that. We will be blessed by it for years to come." On the other hand, a woman

from a small California church wrote, "I enjoyed and learned something from every session I attended. Coming from a tiny congregation I especially enjoy meeting church people from other places and [I enjoy] the beautiful singing."

A man from Texas wrote, "This was our very first Pepperdine Lectures. For years, I have had my preacher friends sing the lectureship's praises. Now that I have experienced it for myself, I'll be singing my own song of praise. The lectures, classes and times of worship were 'glorious' in every sense of the

word." While some people discovered the Pepperdine Bible Lectures for the first time, others, like the couple from northern California, were longtime attendees. They said it was their 24th in a row and added, "For [us] it has been our spiritual high for each of the years we have attended."

Many people commented on the balance and the tone of the Bible Lectures. From Minnesota came, "Once again, the Pepperdine Lectures remain as the best conference I know of to

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Servant Leaders Honored

by Whitney Wall

The tradition continued in 2004, as cherished souls in Christian service were honored at the Pepperdine University Bible Lectures. Attendees are uplifted each year as they hear of God's ministries and meet some of the people through whom He works. Pepperdine University and other Christian organizations presented Distinguished Christian Service Awards to individuals for their commitment to glorifying God with their talents and with their lives.

Celebration began with the honoring of Linda Truschke at the AWP dinner on Tuesday, May 4, opening night. Linda is in her 7th year as Campus Minister at Pepperdine University. The opening night Men's Dinner recognized Bruce and Wanetta Henderson for their ministry of more than thirty years at the Airport Road Church of Christ in Carson City, Nevada.

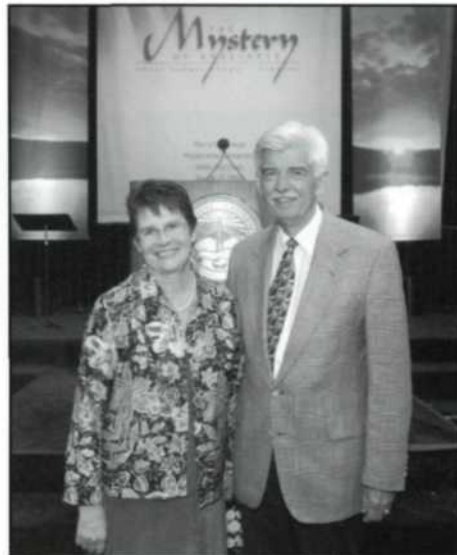
The first full day of the program was kicked off in Smothers Theatre, as *Wineskins* highlighted Rhonda Lowry of Westlake Village as a woman of distinguished Christian service. During the main session in the Firestone Fieldhouse that morning, Pepperdine recognized Burl and Jan McCoy of the McCoy Family Singers, who have used their musical talents to touch thousands of lives for Christ. Pepperdine also honored Denny and Philis Boultinghouse of West Monroe, Louisiana, for more than thirty years of service as writers and editors for *Image Magazine* and Howard Publishing Company. Howard Publishing in turn recognized Victor and Evelyn Knowles of Joplin, Missouri, for their undying commitment to the cause of Christ through *One Body* magazine. Many friends and family gathered for an appreciation dinner that evening in



Linda Truschke,
Malibu, California



Washington & Alice Mhlanga,
Harare, Zimbabwe, Africa



D'Esta & Stuart Love, Malibu, California



Philis & Denny Boultinghouse,
West Monroe, Louisiana



Rhonda Lowry, Westlake Village, California



Bruce Henderson,
Carson City, Nevada



Jan & Burl McCoy, Merkle, Texas



Evelyn & Victor Knowles,
Joplin, Missouri



Lynn Mitchell, Houston, Texas



Carolyn & Jim Hawkins,
Vancouver, British Columbia, Canada



Amanda Madrid, Catacamas, Honduras



Joe Beam, Nashville, Tennessee



Carolyn & James Thompson,
Abilene, Texas



Bonnie Miller, Vancouver, Washington

honor of Stuart and D'Esta Love. In the evening session at Firestone Fieldhouse, Pepperdine recognized Washington and Alice Mhlanga for dedicated service in Harare, Zimbabwe, Africa, and Dr. Amanda Madrid for her medical ministry in Catacamas, Honduras.

On Thursday morning in Firestone Fieldhouse, Bonnie Miller of Vancouver, Washington, received appreciation for twenty years of service to the Vancouver Church of Christ and as a gifted journalist and church historian. *21st Century Christian* and *Power for Today* honored Jerry Lawlis as founder

and steadfast leader of Red River Family Encampment. At the Friends of Pepperdine dinner, Andy Benton thanked Tom and Glenda Trimble for their dedication to Churches of Christ in Arizona and Nevada for more than forty years.

Tributes continued through the final day. Friday morning, Jim and Carolyn Hawkins received appreciation for their commitment to Christian counseling and to Churches of Christ in Canada. The *Restoration Quarterly* luncheon highlighted Lynn Mitchell as a respected Biblical scholar and faithful servant to Churches of Christ in Texas. The Center for the Family at Pepperdine University recognized Joe and Alice Beam of Nashville, Tennessee, for their work with Family Dynamics, and a dinner honored James and Carolyn Thompson of Abilene, Texas.

Join us May 3-6, 2005, as we honor more of God's dedicated servants.

SCENES FROM PEPPERDINE'S



Smothers Theatre was filled every day from morning to evening.



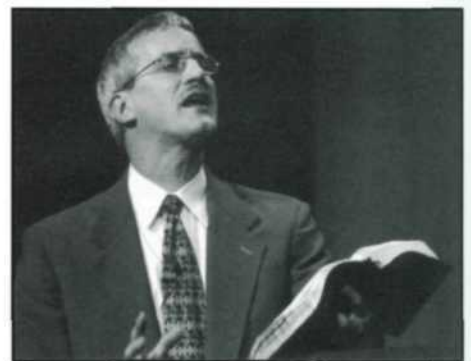
Pepperdine students organized daily child care programs.



Billy Wilson from Glasgow, Scotland, was a keynote lecturer.



T.J. Haygood from Fairfax, Virginia, taught classes on strengthening families.



Don McLaughlin from Atlanta, Georgia, preached in Firestone on Thursday night.



The traditional joining of hands during the singing of "The Lord Bless You and Keep You," was a memorable conclusion for those in attendance on Friday night.



Visitors to the Malibu campus enjoyed four days of beautiful weather.

61ST ANNUAL BIBLE LECTURES



Above: Rubel Shelly exhorted the audience to live Godly lives during his keynote lecture in Firestone.

Right: In addition to coordinating the Bible Lectures, Whitney Wall taught a class on the power of God.



Throughout the four-day program of Bible Lectures, large crowds gathered for the main sessions in Firestone Fieldhouse.



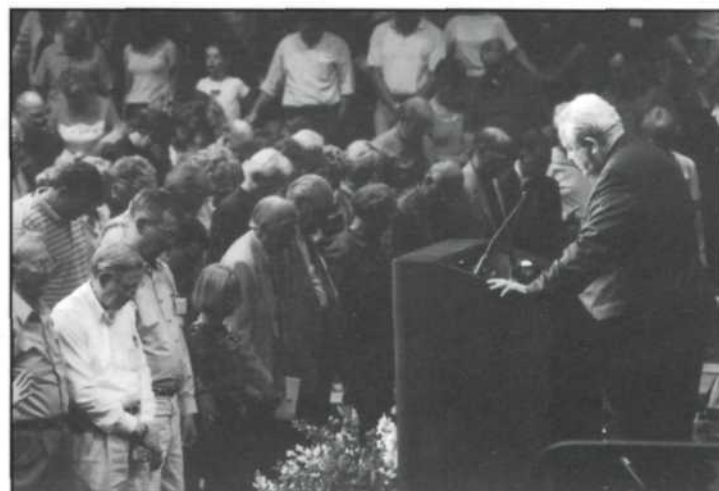
Lynn Anderson taught a daily class in Lindhurst Theatre.



Kay Cox from Houston, Texas, taught a class on hope.



Richland Hills praise team from Fort Worth, Texas, led singing on Friday night in Firestone Fieldhouse.



Tom Olbricht from South Berwick, Maine, led the closing prayer on the final night in Firestone Fieldhouse.

CONGREGATION

In Search of Truth

Journey to a Chapel in Reno

by Bill Henegar

It has been nick-named "The Biggest Little City in the World," and, at 180,000 residents, it is Nevada's second largest city (its southern counterpart, Las Vegas, is ten times its size). It is an old city, dating from the 1850s when gold was discovered in the area, followed by silver in the famous Comstock Lode. The site was originally called Truckee Meadows, because the Truckee River descends from Lake Tahoe, 22 miles away in the Sierra Nevada range, and flows through a relatively fertile valley on its journey east.

The City of Reno was officially formed in 1868 and grew steadily because it was on the California Trail. Later the transcontinental railroad was routed through the town, and it became the principal settlement between Salt Lake City and Sacramento. Today, Interstate 80, the major east-west artery across the middle of the country runs through the city.

As the pioneers pressed westward, they brought their sturdy Christian faith. Boomtowns were civilized by the formation of religious congregations, and Reno was no exception. We are not certain when the first Church of Christ was formed. We do know that a Reno resident, Mrs. Otto Harris, was converted in 1933 while visiting Los Angeles. She returned home and placed an ad in the Reno newspaper: "Were there other members of the Church of Christ in town?" she wondered. When she received several responses, a little congregation was formed, meeting in Mrs. Harris's home. It is not an unusual story—a number of churches can trace their beginning to a faithful woman who did what she could do, whether great or small, for the Lord.



The congregation that would become the Wedekind Road church met at 5th and Virginia in Reno (left). The small group of Christians gathered for a photo, c. 1950 (right).

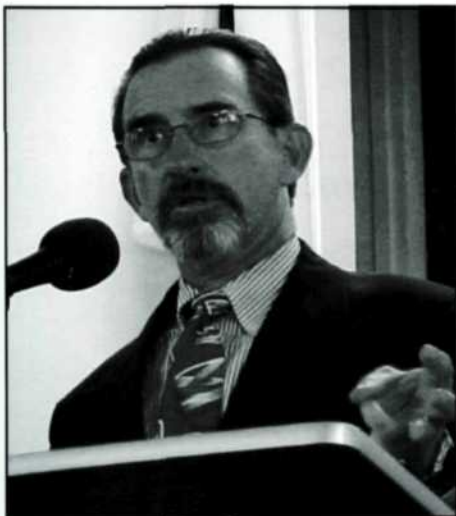
By 1939, the group had outgrown the Harris home and a facility was rented. Soon a full-time preacher, R. E. Richardson, was found. Attendance reached more than 30 as the War Years came, and John Beebe replaced the departing Richardson. The little congregation was able to buy a building in the middle of town, at 7th and Virginia. In rapid succession, W. T. Durrett followed Beebe, preaching only part time.

In 1943, the Berkeley, California, congregation unselfishly sent R. C. Cannon, their minister, to Reno to conduct an extended evangelistic campaign. More than a month later, the church had witnessed nine baptisms as a result of Cannon's preaching. Very soon thereafter, Jack Nadeau became the full-time preacher. A year later, the Berkeley church helped the struggling congregation with a second campaign. And soon after, J. D. Bales faced Mormon Kenneth Farnsworth in a well-attended debate.



One of the church's thriving children's ministries is Leadership Training for Christ. Here, the kids display recently won awards.

The fortunes of the Reno church ebbed and flowed during the next several years, with short-tenured ministers and a painful division in the congregation. A new group began meeting at 5th and Virginia, with J. L. Hines as the preacher. This is the group that, in 1962, constructed a building on Wedekind Road in Reno. Over the next seventeen years, Hines was replaced by Doyle Goss, and Goss was subsequently replaced by David Coats. Seems no one could keep attendance from dwindling.

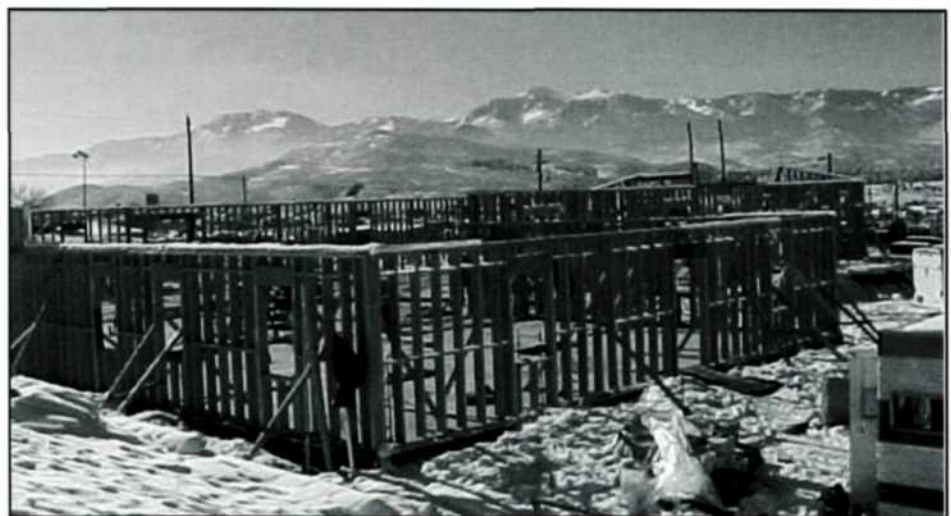


Dr. Gary Cage has served as the preaching minister in Reno for 25 years.

With a few more than thirty people attending services, Gary T. Cage was called to be the minister in the summer of 1979. Reno resident Russ Dudley had roomed with Cage at Harding Graduate School, and at his recommendation Cage was hired.

Gary and Charlotte, along with their two small boys, Zach and Charlie, moved to Reno. Not long after their arrival, the Cages were blessed with a third son, Caleb. The Cages had moved to Nevada from Knoxville, Tennessee, where Gary had recently completed his Ph.D. in philosophy from the University of Tennessee. Gary was able to quickly obtain adjunct teaching positions at both the University of Nevada, Reno, and the local community college. He taught logic, philosophy, and world religions, which sometimes presented opportunities for sharing the Gospel with students and colleagues. This outreach resulted in a number of conversions through the years.

The congregation reached its largest membership, 190, in 1985. For a variety of reasons (transferred members, personality problems, and other situations that plague most churches) it has drifted lower, but still numbers about 120. Today it is a fairly diverse group that has occasional disagreements, but which has vowed to love one another deeply and seek unity as well as truth.



The new building, under construction now, will be called "Foothills Chapel," and will serve as the meeting place of the Foothills Church of Christ.

For more than 42 years, the congregation has been meeting on Wedekind Road in northeast Reno. Soon, however, the church will be moving to the southeast part of the city, on State Road 341, and will become known as the Foothills Church of Christ. In an unusual and interesting decision, they will call their new facility "Foothills Chapel," differentiating between the church (the people) and the facility.

In the planning stage for two years, the facility is now under construction. Though the church is employing contractors and skilled craftsmen, much of the work is being completed by the members—both young to old.

As exciting as the new construction project is, the congregation is even more pleased about its mission statement. The statement was crafted by representative members over a two-year period as carefully as the facility is now being built. The preamble is very indicative of the spirit of the whole document:



The Reno congregation constructed the building above on Wedekind Road in 1962.

We, the family of God at Wedekind Road, commit ourselves to: the open pursuit of the Truth of the Gospel; present the Truth to others in Love; support and build up one another in all matters of Christian citizenship—that we might expand and strengthen the Kingdom of God.

The preamble is followed by three major goals, each with supportive scripture references and a brief explanation. The goals are: 1. A collection of people who understand how to pursue the Truth; 2. More people in the Kingdom; and 3. A group of people who, because of their

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Yamhill University Continues the Legacy Begun 156 Years Ago

by Bonnie Miller

Nestled in the Coast Mountain Range approximately 70 miles from Portland, Oregon, Camp Yamhill celebrated its 50th anniversary on Memorial Day. The day had many special activities including the dedication of "Yamhill University," a school that began on a nearby homestead 156 years ago. Dr. Jerry Rushford, director of Church Relations for Pepperdine University, was the featured speaker at the dedication ceremonies.

Begun in 1954 with a gift from C.H. George of 160 acres of prime forestland in Yamhill County, the Christian camp was the dream of brother George. "Soon there won't be many places left where Christians can be with God," he said as he viewed the fir and cedar trees covering the acreage.

His brother-in-law Fred Oschner remembered, "He saw 'Camp Yamhill,' and all I saw was fallen trees and brush!" Unfortunately, before he could see his dream completely fulfilled C.H. George met with a tragic death in 1959. At a logging site, C.H. pushed his son, David, out of the way of a massive rolling log but was fatally injured himself.

During those first five years, from his original gift until his death, C.H. served on the board of the Yamhill Encampment Corporation along with five other Portland area members of the Churches of Christ – Walter Burkett, Chester Havens, Norman Hudson, Homer Quint and Leonard Woods.

On July 4, 1954, all the area Churches of Christ were invited to spend the holiday at the new camp. Though the site was primitive and unimproved as yet, more than 250 people from 20 Oregon and Washington churches attended that day. No buildings existed on the property so

some boards were quickly nailed between trees to serve as tables for the pot luck meals. That weekend construction began on the first building – a dining/meeting room 40' x 60' with a kitchen, store room, nurse's station and snack bar on one end. The dirt floor was covered each spring with wood shavings from George's saw mill.

Today the boundaries of the camp have expanded with the purchase of adjoining acreage so that the property now covers 210 acres. There is currently cabin space for 215 people, but each Labor Day, a Northwest youth event called Faith Quest manages to squeeze in over 500. A small lodge has been added next to the main lodge that was enlarged and enclosed

decades ago, and a staff cabin is nearby, close to the nurse's cabin. A modular unit was recently brought in to provide small-group meeting space. An RV park has been established near the back entrance to the camp. The camp is also utilized throughout the year by church groups, Outdoor School and other organizations that have found the recently constructed Ropes Course a great benefit for teaching teamwork.

The dedication of Yamhill University marks another milestone in the camp's history. In 1848 Christian preacher William Lysander Adams arrived in Oregon with his family. Adams had been a student at Bethany College in Virginia and lived with Alexander Campbell while attending the school. After college, he taught school in Illinois and then caught the "Oregon fever." When he arrived in

Yamhill County he found numerous other Christians with many children in need of an education. A lean-to was quickly added to the side of a nearby log cabin to serve as a school house. Adams scrawled in charcoal on a



Jerry Rushford, professor of church history from Pepperdine University, gave the dedication address for "Yamhill University" on Memorial Day, 2004, at Camp Yamhill in Yamhill County, Oregon.

shingle, "Yamhill University," and hung it over the door of the cabin. From that little make-shift school house came a future governor of Oregon, the State Superintendent of Public Instruction, the Chief Justice of the Oregon Supreme Court, the Chief Justice of the Idaho Supreme Court, a U.S. Congressman, a U.S. Senator and the Secretary of State of Oregon—all members of the Restoration Movement. It was this legacy of leadership, both in public life and in the church that Camp Yamhill wishes to build upon.

The purpose of the new building is to provide a place at the camp where ministers and churches can come for special training programs, planning retreats and education.

For more information and photos of Camp Yamhill, visit their website at www.campyamhill.org.

OUTREACH

Together With Love in Christ Marks 20 Years



Keynote speaker Daniel Rodriguez encourages TLC attendees to reach out to their communities.

Washington, area came together to celebrate unity in Christ and worship at the Oregon Convention Center. The annual event is a combined effort and has brought Church of Christ members together for twenty years.

This year's keynote speaker was Daniel Rodriguez, minister for the Hollywood Church of Christ and professor of Religion at Pepperdine University, in Malibu, California. Rodriguez spoke on the theme "Beautiful Feet" and encouraged the churches to reach out to their communities and to those of different ethnicities. Translators were available for those attending who were hearing impaired or spoke Mein (Laotian), Spanish, or Albanian.

During the worship services the PUMP (Portland Urban Ministry Project) church organized various

churches to provide services for infants and children to age 11.

The annual event began with a Youth Celebration, "Dirty Hands," on Saturday, October 23. The program involved a concert of prayer and praise led by *enterPraise*. After the TLC Sunday worship, Renewed Hearts, the area-wide single's ministry, hosted their annual luncheon and program at Tony Roma's restaurant. The day's celebration concluded with an afternoon Gospel Songfest which highlighted area singing groups, praise teams, and college choirs.

TLC has consistently provided the Portland/Vancouver area churches with speakers who promote the theme of unity. Next year's TLC will again be held at the Oregon Convention Center, October 30, 2005. Mike Armour will be the keynote speaker.

Rocky Mountain Church Inspires Outreach at 8th Annual Great Commission Workshop

by Whitney Wall

The Rocky Mountain Church of Christ in Helena, Montana, hosted the 8th annual Rocky Mountain Great Commission Workshop on June 11-13, 2004. The workshop is designed to train, equip, and motivate Christians to be more effective in winning the lost for Christ. It also strengthens and uplifts churches.

This year's speakers were Steve and Cheryl Orduno from Paso Robles, California, and Dan and Wendy Jocoy from Myrtle Creek, Oregon.

Randy Schow of the Mountain States Children's Home made a presentation and brought a group of young people from Colorado. Young people from the AIM program at the Sunset Church in Lubbock, Texas, also joined the weekend to work with the

teen group and to try to recruit some of the church's young people to use their lives for Christ's purpose.

Saturday evening the singing group Acappella performed at Helena Middle School where nearly one-thousand people from the community gathered to hear the performance and receive a warm welcome to come to the Rocky Mountain Church of Christ, "The friendliest church in the world!"

Sunday morning's worship, led by Rusty Linden, was held at the luxurious Red Lion Colonial Inn. The worship service ended with an award given to Tami Haux, a single mom in the church who was led to Christ four years ago; then a welcome circle of Christians sang songs following the baptism of a new believer; followed by a video



Children from the Rocky Mountain Church look on as a new believer is baptized into Christ.

presentation reviewing the last ten years of the Rocky Mountain Church and casting a vision for the next ten years. One of the highlights included the construction of a new building beginning in 2005.

People attended the Workshop from Oregon, Texas, Montana, Colorado, California, and Canada.

PEPPERDINE PEOPLE ON THE MOVE

by Agnes Gibson

David Baird, dean of Seaver College, spoke for the Oak Hill Church of Christ in Escondido on January 16.

Clifford Barbarick, admissions counselor and graduate student in Religion, preaches for the Bellflower Church of Christ on the second Sunday of each month. On January 30, he preached for the Pasadena Church of Christ.

Bradley Barker, senior Religion major, preached for the Redlands Church of Christ on January 23.

Hal Bigham, an elder for the University Church of Christ, preached for the Taft Church of Christ on January 9.

Bob Chandler, professor and chair of Communication, preached on January 23 for the Inland Valley Church of Christ in Ontario.

Rich Dawson, director of International Student Services and Enrollment Management, preached for the Turnpike Road Church of Christ in Santa Barbara on February 13.

James Denham, senior Religion major, preached for the Los Altos Church of Christ on January 30.

Susan Giboney, lecturer in Humanities/Teacher Education, was the guest speaker for a women's day program at the Sunny Hills Church of Christ on September 25. On October 30 she spoke for the Women's Day program at the Ventura Church of Christ.

Rick Gibson, executive director of Creative Services, will preach for the Westside Church of Christ in Bakersfield on February 13.

Chris Heard, assistant professor of Religion, preached in San Diego for the Canyon View Church of Christ on January 16.

Doug Hurley, director of Student Activities and Student Affairs, preached for the Costa Mesa Church of Christ on January 16.

John Jones, assistant professor of Communication, preached January 16

for the Yorba Linda Church of Christ and on January 23 for the Visalia Community Church of Christ.

Scott Lambert, campus minister for University Church of Christ, lectured September 30-October 2 for the World Mission Workshop at York College. On October 3 he preached for the Church of Christ in Redline, Iowa.

Steve Lemley, associate professor of Communication, spoke for the Arlington Church of Christ in Riverside on January 16 and the North County Church of Christ in Escondido on January 23.

Dennis Lowe, director for the Center for the Family, and **Emily Scott Lowe**, professor, conducted a marriage seminar for the Woodland Hills Church of Christ on October 17.

D'Esta Love, university chaplain, spoke on October 8-9 at *Elderlink*, a conference sponsored by Cascade College and ACU. On November 5-6 she was the featured speaker for a women's retreat hosted by the Palo Verde Church of Christ in Tucson, Arizona.

Stuart Love, professor of Religion, spoke October 15-16 for New Wineskins, a network of African-American Church of Christ ministers, in Atlanta, Georgia. Stuart and D'Esta co-taught a retreat for Pepperdine students November 12-13 in Westlake Village, California.

Rick Marrs, associate dean of Seaver College, conducted a retreat for the campus ministries of Oregon State University and Boise State University on Oct. 15-17. On October 25-26, Rick presented a ministers sermon seminar on Genesis at Lubbock Christian University and he spoke at daily chapel. On January 9 he preached for the Mission Viejo Church of Christ and on January 23 for the Hilltop Community Church of Christ in El Segundo.

Michael Murrie, professor of Telecommunications, preached for the La Habra Church of Christ on January 16.

Tyler Pearson, senior Religion major, preached for the Central Church of Christ in San Luis Obispo on January 30.

Tim Perrin, professor of Law, spoke January 30 for the Conejo Valley Church of Christ in Thousand Oaks.

Paul Pinckley, director for student recruitment at GSBM, preached January 30 for the Glendale Church of Christ.

Daniel Rodriguez, associate professor of Religion and Hispanic Studies, spoke in October for the Urban Ministry Conference of the Churches of Christ in New York. He was the keynote speaker for the *Together With Love in Christ* on October 31. On December 5 he spoke for the College Church of Christ in Fresno.

Rick Rowland, associate professor for Communications, preached on January 9, for the Magnolia Center Church of Christ in Riverside.

Jerry Rushford, professor of Religion and Director of Church Relations, spoke for Pepperdine Bible Lectures promotional events in Rancho Cordova, Livermore, Murrieta, San Diego, San Luis Obispo, Bakersfield, and Denver, Colorado, in January. He preached for Churches of Christ in Arvada, Colorado, January 16; Lancaster, January 23; and Naperville, Illinois, January 30. He spoke at the Oklahoma Christian University Bible Lectureship January 31 - February 1, and for Christian Emphasis Week at York College in York, Nebraska, February 2-3. He will preach for Churches of Christ in Murray, Kentucky, and Memphis, Tennessee, March 6 and 13, and he will teach a one-week course in Church History for Harding Graduate School of Religion in Memphis, Tennessee, March 7-12.

James Smythe, archivist for Payson Library, preached for the Coastline Church of Christ on January 16.

Larry Sullivan, assistant director of the Straus Institute for Dispute Resolution, preached January 9 in Chula Vista, January 23 in Los Angeles at the Figueroa Church of Christ, and January 30 for the Exeter Church of Christ.

Keith Whitney, chair and associate professor of Business Law, preached in Murrieta on January 23.

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relationship to God, are deeply committed to one another in love and accountability. The mission statement has become their polar star.

Three annual events on the church's calendar have had a very positive impact for the Reno Christians. The congregation gathers a larger percentage of its membership than any church in the nation and attends the Pepperdine Bible Lectures in the spring of the year. In addition, the congregation supports the Family Encampment at Sierra Bible Camp near Lake Almanor in Northern California each September following the Labor Day weekend. And finally, Leadership Training for Christ (LTC), a gathering of young people, is supported by the church on Easter weekend. This is an opportunity for the children, accompanied by adults, to bond with other Christian youth in the area.

The church has a number of ministries, including small fellowship groups that meet in homes. These serve both as opportunities for deepening relationships and as more intimate opportunities for evangelism. The church also supported Nathan and Carina Whittemore and their children while Nathan was attending the Sunset Preachers' School, preparing for a move to Cuenca, Ecuador, for mission work. In a visionary effort, the church gave its own preacher, Gary Cage, and his family to a missions project as they moved to Prague, Czech Republic, for a year. Cage taught at the prestigious Charles University while doing evangelistic work.

The people of God who meet on Wedekind Road are anticipating greater opportunities for service in their new location across town. Foothills Chapel will be a place for the church to meet for edification, then to venture forth and live lives of worship to the Father and service to each person.

Christians Reaching Their Community

The Circle Church of Christ in Corvallis, Oregon, hosted its 20th Annual Clothing Giveaway in September 2004. Some 1,080 community members received clothing.

The giveaway is set up and staffed by church members with Merle and Jean Woods and Linda Leslie providing leadership. Most donations are from the church, with some gifts from the community. The event is scheduled to coincide with the beginning of school.

One recipient wrote "...words cannot say thanks enough. Maybe when you get to heaven there will be a message for you because it will take a lifetime to show proper gratitude."

W. Gregg Strawn, who preaches for the church, said "Some people in town are starting to refer to us as the church that gives the clothes away. We want to also be known as the church that gives the gospel away."

As a unique form of outreach, youth minister Heath Cloutier and college student Jordan Strawn wrote an original musical drama called "Big Top." The story line of a young boy trying to join the circus is a parallel to a person's search to enter the kingdom of God. A 300-seat theater was rented and five performances were sold out. Praise goes to God for bringing the gospel to 1,500 people in a colorful way. Over 80 church members were also involved.

Bill Stivers

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He was one of the original elders at the Malibu Church of Christ (now the University Church of Christ) serving for forty years. He was a gifted teacher, bold preacher in both English and Spanish, and an accomplished musician.

Bill is survived by his wife of 57 years, Frances, and two children, Christopher and Nina. Stephen, an older son, preceded him in death in 2000. He is also survived by Christopher's wife, Sandy, and their three daughters, Melody, Holly and Stacy—his beloved granddaughters.

Bible Lectures

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which one can bring both head and heart." Continuing, this person added, "You do a great job of balancing topics and views and giving a fair hearing to all who share our mission." And from Texas, "There seems to me to be an open air of dialogue, even about difficult things. I love the challenges that are presented there, the encouragement to keep thinking, and the collection of our very best preachers all in one place!"

The beautiful Malibu days in May were clear and bright, the kind that make us want to be outside for a good part of the day. But there was another kind of "wonderful weather." evident during the week. A woman from New Mexico wrote, "Pepperdine is like a window being opened and a wonderful breeze blowing in." And a man from Louisiana said, "This lectureship made me thankful that I am a member of the Lord's church; I saw people embracing and smiling and worshiping together. All the speakers sounded like they love the church."

Indeed, the mystery is great!

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